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AVIATION SYSTEM STANDARDS

SUBJ: CERTIFICATION OF FLIGHT INSPECTION PERSONNEL

1. PURPOSE. This order establishes procedures for the certification of flight inspection personnel in accordance with Order 8200.1, United States Standard Flight Inspection Manual. It applies to Aviation System Standards (AVN) or military crewmembers that are required to perform the duties and responsibilities of certifying air navigation services and/or instrument flight procedures. This order provides a uniform, standardized method for examining employee competence and issuing appropriate credentials that authenticate certification authority.

2. DISTRIBUTION. This order is distributed to all employees in the Flight Inspection Operations Division, Aviation System Standards; Detachment 1, Air Force Flight Standards Agency; and to the Aviation System Standards Branch in the Regulatory Standards Division of the FAA Academy, Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

3. CANCELLATION. Order VN 8240.3, Certification of Flight Inspection Personnel, dated December 12, 1986, is canceled.

4. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. The certification process grants flight inspection crewmembers the authority to carry out the administration's responsibility to ensure the satisfactory operation of air navigation services and flight instrument procedures.

5. APPLICATION.

a. The Manager, Flight Inspection Operations Division, AVN-200, is the approving authority for certification of AVN flight inspection personnel.

b. The Flight Inspection Technical Support Branch, AVN-210, is the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) for the implementation, administration, and program oversight for the Flight Inspection Mission Certification Program. Certification is designated as follows:

(1) Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluator: AVN-210 crewmembers may be certified as Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluators. Other crewmembers may also be designated as Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluators at the discretion of AVN-200. Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluators are responsible for administering the Flight Inspection Proficiency and Standardization program IAW Order VN 200 4040.3 and will be designated by letter of authority from AVN-200. Additionally, their duties may include initial, recurring, and requalification crewmember mission evaluations. The military term Flight Examiner is equivalent to Flight Inspection Mission Evaluator and may be assigned duties as a Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluator.

(2) Flight Inspection Mission Evaluators: Supervisors, Team Leaders, and Team coordinators, and equivalent military positions (determined by the Commander) may be designated as Flight Inspection Mission Evaluators. They may administer initial and recurring flight evaluations and assist AVN-210 with the duties relating to the Flight Inspection Proficiency and Standardization program. Supervisors may recommend, in writing, to AVN-210, other employees, per crew position, per geographic area, to assist as Flight Inspection Mission Evaluators. The Flight Inspection Operations Division, AVN-200, will identify these Mission Evaluators by letter of authority. The military term Flight Examiner is equivalent to Flight Inspection Mission Evaluator.

(3) **Basic Flight Inspection Certification.** Flight Inspection crewmembers: Airspace System Pilots, FG-2181-13 and above, Military Flight Inspection Pilots, Electronics Technicians (Airborne), FG-0856-11 and above, and Military Electronics Technicians (Airborne) may be recommended for certification following completion of all training requirements and an initial mission performance evaluation by a designated Mission Evaluator. The mission evaluation is required to demonstrate a satisfactory level of performance, and will be conducted IAW Order VN 200 4040.3. Other individuals may be certified at the discretion of AVN-200. Supervisors shall forward requests for certification to AVN-210. For the military, the Commander/Operations Officer is considered the Supervisor. A Certificate of Authority, FAA Form 8430-9, will be issued following successful completion of the initial flight evaluation and a review by AVN-210. A valid Certificate of Authority is required for all personnel having flight inspection signature authority.

c. Following approval by AVN-200, the Certificate of Designation, FAA Form 8000-5, and Certificate of Authority will be forwarded by AVN-210 through the Supervisor to the employee or designated military crewmember, as applicable.

d. Certificates of Authority shall remain valid until revoked in writing by AVN-200, or the certificate holder leaves the jurisdiction of AVN.

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